

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application. Claims 1, 3-10 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 26-30 have been added. No claims have been amended or canceled. Therefore, by this amendment, claims 1, 3-10 and 21-30 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102Rejections of Claims 1, 3-10 and 21-25 Based on *Rogers*

Claims 1, 3-10 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386 issued to Rogers et al. (*Rogers*). For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-10 and 21-25 are not anticipated by *Rogers*.

Claim 1 recites the following:

means for automatically configuring said server to select said one environment selected by said application upon receipt of a selection message of said one environment from said application.

Claim 6 is drawn to a call processing system, and recites similar limitations. Claim 8 is an apparatus claim written in means-plus-function language, and recites similar limitations. New claim 26 is a method claim that recites similar limitations. New claim 27 is drawn to a machine-readable medium storing sequences of instructions, and recites similar limitations. New claim 28 is an apparatus claim. A proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that a single prior art reference teach each and every element of a rejected claim. See MPEP § 2131.

Rogers discloses a call management system that includes a call management computer between the telephone trunks that link a business organization to a telephone provider's central office (CO). See col. 1, lines 65-67. A user's workstation is used to make a telephone call, and

depending on the destination of the telephone call, the **call management computer** selects a CO trunk or a private branch exchange (PBX) trunk for the call. See col. 10, lines 48-60; col. 14, lines 51-55. The workstation is merely a tool for making a telephone call, used instead of a telephone for identifying the destination of the telephone call. See col. 1, lines 53-65; col. 2, lines 46-49; col. 33, lines 9-54. Accordingly, the workstation's software enables the workstation to place telephone calls. See col. 2, lines 41-48; col. 14, lines 45-50; col. 35, lines 18-22. The workstation is not capable of selecting a trunk for the telephone call; the call management computer performs this function. Accordingly, *Rogers* does not disclose means for automatically configuring a server to select an environment selected by an application, upon receipt of a selection message of said environment from said application. Thus, *Rogers* fails to teach all of the limitations of claims 1, 6, 8, 26, 27 and 28. Consequently, *Rogers* does not anticipate the invention in claims 1, 6, 8, 26, 27 and 28 for at least the reasons set forth above. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 3-5, 9, 10, 21, 24 and 25 depend from claim 1. Claims 7 and 22 depend from claim 6. Claim 23 depends from claim 8. Claims 29-30 depends from claim 28. Because dependent claims include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicants submit that claims 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 21-25, 29 and 30 are not anticipated by *Rogers* for at least the reasons set forth above.

CONCLUSION


For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10 and 21-30 are in condition for allowance and such action is

earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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